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Statement by the President of the Security Council

At the 4539th meeting of the Security Council, held on 22 May 2002, in connection with the Council's consideration of the item entitled "The situation in Sierra Leone", the President of the Security Council made the following statement on behalf of the Council:

"The Security Council welcomes the elections held in Sierra Leone on 14 May 2002. It congratulates the people of Sierra Leone on the peaceful and orderly way in which the elections were held. It commends the National Electoral Commission and all those responsible for the successful management of the elections, and commends UNAMSIL for their invaluable supporting role. The Council notes that the various electoral observation groups were impressed by the Sierra Leonean people's commitment to democracy and their determination to vote. The Council calls on all political parties and their supporters to work together to strengthen democracy and thereby assure continuing peace.

"The Security Council considers the elections an important milestone on the road to peace and security in Sierra Leone and the Mano River region. The next challenge for Sierra Leone and the international community is the further consolidation of peace. There is much still to do, including the extension of public services to make real the restoration of government authority throughout the country, the further enhancement of the operational effectiveness of the security sector, and the effective reintegration of all ex-combatants. A sustained effort from the international community will be needed to achieve our shared objective of sustainable peace and security, which must be the basis for Sierra Leone's economic regeneration and future development. The Council urges all donors to contribute generously towards these ends, including by providing urgently needed funds to the Special Court and the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

"The Security Council will continue to pay close attention to developments in Sierra Leone and the Mano River region. The Council requests the Secretary-General to monitor the situation there closely and to keep the Council informed of any significant developments."

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Statement by the President of the Security Council

At the 4542nd meeting of the Security Council, held on 23 May 2002, in connection with the Council's consideration of the item entitled "Admission of new Members", the President of the Security Council made the following statement on behalf of the Council:

"The Security Council has decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the Democratic Republic of East Timor be admitted as a Member of the United Nations. On behalf of the members of the Security Council, I wish to extend my congratulations to the Democratic Republic of East Timor on this historic occasion.

"The Council notes with great satisfaction the Democratic Republic of East Timor's solemn commitment to uphold the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations and to fulfil all the obligations contained therein.

"We look forward to the day in the near future when the Democratic Republic of East Timor will join us as a Member of the United Nations and to working closely with its representatives."

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Statement by the President of the Security Council

At the 4543rd meeting of the Security Council, held on 24 May 2002, in connection with the Council's consideration of the item entitled "Security Council resolutions 1160 (1998), 1199 (1998), 1203 (1998), 1239 (1999) and 1244 (1999)", the President of the Security Council made the following statement on behalf of the Council:

"The Security Council reaffirms its previous relevant resolutions and statements regarding Kosovo, Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, in particular the statements of its President of 7 March 2001 (S/PRST/2001/7) and 9 November 2001 (S/PRST/2001/34).

"The Security Council deplores the adoption by the Assembly of Kosovo, in its session of 23 May 2002, of a "resolution on the protection of the territorial integrity of Kosovo". It concurs with the Special Representative of the Secretary-General that such resolutions and decisions by the Assembly on matters which do not fall within its field of competence are null and void.

"The Security Council calls on Kosovo's elected leaders to focus their attention on the urgent matters for which they have responsibility, in accordance with resolution 1244 (1999) of 10 June 1999 and the Constitutional Framework. Concrete progress in those areas is of paramount importance to improve the life of the people.

"The Security Council reiterates its full support for the Special Representative of the Secretary-General. It urges Kosovo's leaders to work in close cooperation with the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo (UNMIK) and the international security presence (KFOR) with a view to promoting a better future for Kosovo and stability in the region. All steps undermining those efforts are detrimental to this common objective."

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Statement by the President of the Security Council

At the 4544th meeting of the Security Council, held on 24 May 2002, in connection with the Council's consideration of the item entitled "The situation concerning the Democratic Republic of the Congo", the President of the Security Council made the following statement on behalf of the Council:

"The Security Council strongly condemns the killings, in particular of civilians, that recently took place in Kisangani. The Council calls for an immediate cessation of all violations of human rights and international humanitarian law. It reiterates its demand that the city be demilitarized in accordance with relevant resolutions, in particular resolution 1304 (2000) of 16 June 2000, and with the pledge made by Rassemblement Congolais pour la Démocratie-Goma to the last Security Council mission. The Council also calls on the parties to cooperate to the full reopening of the Congo River, including to commercial traffic.

"The Security Council invites the Secretary-General to consider whether a temporary increase in the deployment in Kisangani of the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (MONUC), within the current authorized troop level, may contribute to easing tensions. The Council requests MONUC to continue to monitor reports of extrajudicial violence and report to the Council.

"The Security Council draws the attention of the High Commissioner for Human Rights to the seriousness of the events that took place in Kisangani on 14 May 2002 and immediately thereafter.

"The Security Council stresses the importance of MONUC assisting, within the current mandate, in the full demilitarization of Kisangani. In this respect, the Council welcomes the proposal by the Secretary-General in paragraph 50 of its tenth report of 15 February 2002 (S/2002/169), in accordance with resolution 1355 (2001) of 15 June 2001 and 1376 (2001) of 9 November 2001 to reinforce MONUC's civilian police unit with 85 officers to assist in the training of the local police.

"The Security Council expresses its intention to consider expeditiously any further recommendation that the Secretary-General may deem necessary."

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